

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-38-89

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DEPENDENT AND ELDER ADULT LINKED OUTSIDE AGENCY
RESOURCES

This is to inform you of other resources available to elderly and dependent adults who are victims of abuse and who may be under the protection of County Adult Protective Services (APS) agencies. State statute requires APS units in County Welfare Departments to provide services to elders and dependent adults who are unable to protect their own interests, harmed or threatened with harm, or caused physical or mental injury due to the action or inaction of another person (W&IC 15600 et.seq.).

Elderly or dependent adult victims of crime may be eligible for collateral services, recompense for loss due to the crime, or remedial support services until they achieve or maintain self-sufficiency, through application to the following agencies:

The State Office of Economic Opportunity offers a broad range of services, including financial counseling, housing assistance, emergency assistance, referral, alleviation of starvation and malnutrition and low-income home energy assistance, through local government and non-profit agencies. Application to these programs may be made through the local Community Action Agency (CAA), Rural Community Services (RCS), Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Agency (MSFW), Limited Purpose Agency (LPA), Native American Indian (NAI) or Emergency Homeless Program (EHP), as they are listed in the attached local community directory of services.

The State Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) offers Victim Witness Services through application to the County District Attorney's Office or the County Probation Department. Services include counseling and other collateral case services appropriate to the elderly or dependent adult victim's circumstance. Application to this program may be made through the County Probation Office. A directory of Victim Witness Assistance Centers is attached.

The State Office of the Attorney General has crime prevention publications available that are specific to the needs of seniors. Of particular interest, is the Seniors Magazine they plan to first publish in July 1989. The subject of elder abuse will be a featured article in these publications. These materials are available through your local law enforcement agency's crime prevention service. The attached pamphlet describes the role of the Office of the Attorney General in the reporting and investigation of abuse and neglect of elders and dependent adults in Medi-Cal facilities. The patient abuse hotline number in the pamphlet is intended for the use of public agencies and mandated reporters, not the general public.

The State of California offers recompense to victims of crime through application to the State Board of Control. Compensation may include reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses after public or private insurances have been maximized. These compensated expenses most often include loss of wages, uncompensated medical costs and other expenses appropriate to the remediation of the victim. Application to this program may be made through the agency primary to the victim's circumstance, such as law enforcement agency, hospital, or district attorney offices.

Requests for information of a general nature concerning Adult Protective Services may be made to Robert A. Barton, Chief, Adult Services Bureau at (916) 322-6320.


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Attachments

cc: CWDA